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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants submit attached Form PTO/SB/08A (modified) for consideration and requests the references cited therein be made of record by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) in the above-captioned application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed with this communication. However, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/469,213, filed November 30, 2006, is a copending application that is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0077244, which was previously submitted in the present application, and has not yet been published. Therefore, a copy of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/469,213 is submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully point out that the submission of the listed references in this Information Disclosure Statement is not an admission that they are prior art or that they are material to patentability of any claims of the application. Also, the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is not an indication that a search has been made by Applicants.

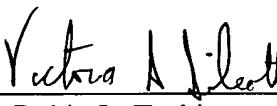
Consideration of the foregoing plus the prompt return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A with the Examiner's initials in the left column in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609 are respectfully requested. In addition, Applicant respectfully requests that a copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements filed with the USPTO on December 1, 2005; February 13, 2006; and February 28, 2006 be returned with the Examiner's initials in the left column in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609. A copy of the Forms have been submitted herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

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